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SUBJECT: STAFF COLLEGE LEVEL TRAINING IN US FOR MALAWIAN
ARMY OFFICERS

REFS: (A) BLANTYRE 0482, (B) BLANTYRE 0131

1) REGRET DELAY IN ANSWERING REF (B).

2) DEPT. AND DOD UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON POSSIBLE
UTILITY OF TRAINING A SENIOR MALAWIAN ARMY OFFICER AND
MIGHT BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THIS FAVORABLY IF RPT IF IT
DID NOT REQUIRE A FINDING OF FMS ELIGIBILITY. UNFORTUNATELY
DUE TO DIFFICULTY OF CERTIFYING SUCH TRAINING IS ESSENTIAL
TO US SECURITY AND TO INCREASING CONGRESSIONAL HOSTILITY
TO FURTHER ADDITIONS TO LIST OF FMS COUNTRIES, WE ARE
REGRETFULLY NOT RPT NOT IN A POSITION TO PUT MALAWI FORWARD
FOR FMS STATUS AT THIS TIME.

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3) AS AMBASSADOR AWARE, MALAWI'S SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS

IN UN AND OAU IS GENUINELY APPRECIATED AND WE BELIEVE GOM
WILL UNDERSTAND THAT OUR INABILITY TO PROVIDE MILITARY

TRAINING IN NO WAY REFLECTS ON IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO
MALAWI'S CONTINUED SUPPORT IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS;
NOR ON OUR DESIRE FOR GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH GOM. KISSINGER

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